

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2011

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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1038

Introduced by: Representatives Blake, Abdallah, Deelstra, Elliott, Feinstein, Gibson, Haggar, Hawley, Hubbel, Hunt, Kirschman, Liss, Steele, Tornow, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Buhl, Cutler, Heineman, Krebs, Peters, and Schlekeway

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and congratulating Sioux Falls Lincoln High School graduates, Renugan Raidoo and Sarah Swenson, on being named Rhodes Scholars for 2011.

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Scholarship is an international postgraduate award for study at England's Oxford University, and one of the world's most prestigious awards; and this is the first time that more than one student from South Dakota has received the award in any year, let alone the first time in any year that two students from the same South Dakota high school have received the award; and

WHEREAS, Renugan Raidoo, who emigrated from South Africa with his family and plans to pursue an advanced degree in social anthropology at Oxford, is currently a senior at the University of Iowa, with majors in chemistry and anthropology; a Presidential Scholar; a Goldwater Scholar; a leader in the University's global health initiative; and an active supporter of Amnesty International and BplansForHumanity; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Swenson, who plans to study history and English at Oxford before going to medical school, is currently a senior at the University of Oklahoma, with majors in zoology and biomedical science; a junior member of Phi Beta Kappa; a multiple award winner for her scholarship which ranges across biology, history of science, and literature; and an extensive volunteer in hospitals, education, animal welfare, and for Haitian relief; and

WHEREAS, both of these outstanding Sioux Falls Lincoln High School graduates will enter Oxford University in October 2011, where they will have an opportunity to study for two to three years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Renugan Raidoo and Sarah Swenson be commended and congratulated on being named Rhodes Scholars for 2011, and that they be wished every success and good fortune, both while they study at Oxford and for their bright futures beyond Oxford.